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## 2016 Bike Rally is Largest to Date



Motorcycles form a line at the Arnold Community Center in the late afternoon on Saturday. The community center was the hub of activity for the Devil's Den Bike Rally, where participants enjoyed a barbecue, contests and concerts after the Poker Run. (Janet Larreau photo)

Last weekend's 5th Annual Devil's Den Bike Rally was the biggest turnout yet, with 144 bikers registered for the Poker Run. Organizers planned plenty for everyone to do while they were in town, but getting the best hand in the Poker Run was the main event.

With plenty of rain resulting in an abundance of green scenery, the three to four hour route - starting at both bars in Arnold, going north past Devil's Den to Anselmo's Fubar & Grill, down to Broken Bow's Sylvester's, over to Callaway's Hanger 22, on to Big Jim's in Oconto, and back to Arnold's community center on the river road - was described as a "sweet ride" by Rally President Mike Nelson. Participants received

one card at each location, plus a sixth bonus card at the route's end. Winners were announced at 7:00 p.m., right before the outdoor concerts began.

Winners were: 1st - Nicole Mercer with a 4 of a Kind (Aces); 2nd - Ben Carrizales with a Full House; 3rd - Regie Henry with a Flush.

In the morning's Show & Shine competition, winners were: Best Custom - James Derman; Best Stock - Clay Weinman; Best Old School - Zach Hagler; Best Overall - Dana Hawk.

Loudest pipes went to Pete Miller.

Strop Dyno measured the bikes' horsepower and torque, and winners were:

Metric Horsepower: 1st - Nate

Mills; 2nd - Pete Miller. Metric Torque: 1st - Nate Mills; 2nd - Pete Miller.

Harley Horsepower: 1st - Justin Wiederholt; 2nd - Ken D. Myer.

Harley Torque: 1st - Ken D. Myer; 2nd - Clay Weinman.

Heather Hagler was this year's Miss Devil's Den.

The day's events also included charity speakers, indoor and outdoor concerts performed by three bands, contests, a barbecue dinner, live auction, and a raffle for a one-of-a-kind custom painted guitar. In addition, members of the Heartland Hellcats roller derby team returned to give everyone a chance to drop them in the dunk tank, and the Med Air helicopter landed to give a showing. Nel-

son said the events are kept separate, so even those without motorcycles can enjoy the day, mentioning that one couple took their car on the poker run.

Minus expenses, all proceeds from the rally will be donated to the local Teammates organization, the suicide prevention organization Out of the Darkness, and Autism Awareness.

Vice-president Berni Crow said after the bills are paid, club members decide how much money goes to each organization. Arnold teachers are asked what their special needs are for autistic students, and items are directly purchased for those needs.

Nelson said community support is great for the rally, with a full two page list of sponsors.

Bikers took advantage of lodging, and camped at Old Mill Park, the Arnold Motel, and at the Arnold Recreation Area, and never went hungry. The After Prom committee raised money for their cause by serving breakfast at the community center both Saturday and Sunday mornings.

## Two Injured in Motorcycle Accident

The Nebraska State Patrol was called to the scene of a motorcycle accident on Saturday, July 9, at 4:15 p.m., about eight miles east of Arnold on the Arnold-Callaway river road.

Robert Worden, age 49, was driving the 2005 Harley Davidson with his wife, Della, as a passenger. Dion Neumiller of the Nebraska State Patrol said Worden was westbound and took a curve too wide and drifted out onto the grass. Both Worden and his wife were separated from the motorcycle.

The Arnold Ambulance answered the mutual aid call, transporting Worden to Great Plains Medical Center. Della was also transported to Great Plains Medical Center by Air Care out of Kearney with non-life threatening injuries.

## Annual River Battle is Saturday

Competitors will be hauling out their canoes, kayaks and tubes to Hidden Valley Campgrounds this Saturday, July 16, for the 6th Annual Arnold River Battle.

Registration will start at 9:30 a.m., for both the Adult and Youth classes, and the race will start at 10:00 a.m.

Organizers say it's a timed event, but it's up to the individual how fast or slow they want to go on the winding South Loup River.

After the race is over, a cookout is open to non-participants for a \$5.00 fee.

For more information, turn to page 6 or call Della Dailey at 308-520-5905 or Michelle Preston at 402-984-1921 or go to <http://www.arnoldne.org/page/arnold-river-battle> and download the registration form.

## Blood Drive Scheduled

The next Arnold Community Blood Drive will be held Monday, July 18, from 8:30 a.m., to 2:30 p.m., at the community Center.

For an appointment, please call Shirley at 848-3356 or Amanda at 660-6709.

## Weather Summary

**Kendra Veirs**  
Cooperative Weather Observer

WEATHER STATION  
LOCATED AT MILLS' SHOP, ACROSS  
FROM ALL POINTS CO-OP

DATE	H	L	M
28	82	65	0
29	83	56	0
30	83	56	0
1	80	59	.50
2	68	56	.15
3	62	55	0
4	74	60	0
5	87	61	0
6	88	64	0
7	85	61	.90
8	85	60	0
9	83	57	0
10	88	63	0
11	91	68	0

## Back to the Basics

### 4-H Club Members Taking Interest in New Projects

**Editor's Note:** For a number of years, the Western Riders 4-H Club horse project has been going strong, with few to no entries in some of the other divisions at the county fair. This year, interest has significantly grown in other projects, with several new leaders taking 4-Hers "Back to the Basics." Baking is the second in a series of these new offerings to local kids.

#### By Kendra Veirs

Elaine Zutavern volunteered to be the cake decorating 4-H leader for the Western Riders group this year. Thirteen enthusiastic members enrolled this year, with younger siblings also trying their hand at cake decorating at various practices. Ages range from 7-15.

Zutavern became the leader because there wasn't one, and her son and daughter showed interest. She thought it would be a great opportunity to share with the youth what she knew.

"I started making cakes 14 years ago for my oldest son's birthday. I didn't think I would be able to go to town to purchase cakes every time, so I decided to learn how to decorate pretty cakes so that their birthday cakes would always be special," she said.

Trying to meet every week, even with hectic schedules, and hopefully meeting twice a week closer to fair, the group is working on decorating single layer cakes, double layer cakes, cupcakes and character cakes. They work on mixing up cake batter, frosting and practice using the tips.

This year, club members are



Arnold 4-Her Madison Smith has taken her cake decorating project to a new level, naming her business and offering her sweet delights (pictured above and right) at the Farmer's Market in special packaging. (Courtesy photos)

signed up to make three cupcakes, a single layer cake, a double layer cake and a character cake for fair. In the premium book, a guide is given if the class is able to use tips, or if they can just use edible items

for the cake. 4-Hers must follow the description and watch the guidelines for the class or they will be disqualified. The judges will be looking at appearance, texture, crumbs (or the feel of the cake), consistency, tender-

ness and flavor. Contestants will want the cake to be consistent, not lopsided. The frosting should be uniform and the decoration should be consistent throughout and should stick to the theme of the cake.

"I feel that with everything being commercialized, cakes are something that can be made from scratch and from the heart. And homemade is always better than store-bought in my opinion. They are in a sense at the heart of a gathering. The gathering may be a party for a birthday, retirement, sending someone off somewhere, graduation, baby or wedding showers, or a wedding. It all centers around eating and hence, the cake. I always put my heart into every cake I make, always hoping that others love them as much as I do," Zutavern said.

Growing up with a 4-H background in Lincoln, Zutavern concluded, "Participating in the Arnold 4-H club for the last four or five years, I have gotten to know many wonderful people from the Arnold area and am so grateful for the community support and for the outstanding leaders that are part of the club. Holly Remund has done so much for the club, and I know that she is a huge part of the Arnold community. What a blessing to have such an amazing 4-H leader, leading our kids and making our club amazing. Dwaine Lehmkhler has also been a very influential person in my kids' lives as the horse leader. He is a great role model and is very fun to work with. I

am very thankful for the Western Riders Club and leaders. I hope they feel appreciated because we appreciate them immensely!"

#### CAKE DECORATING TO A NEW LEVEL

"I have been pleased by the enthusiasm of the class and with their artistic abilities," Zutavern said of the class.

One student, Madison Smith, has taken advantage of learning cake making and decorating basics and has set up her business, "Madison's Sweet Delights," at Arnold's Farmer's Market every Thursday morning.

Each week she makes her treats from scratch, decorates them using what she learns in Zutavern's class and puts them in their colorful polka dot boxes, ready for area residents to enjoy.

The first market day, Madison was sold out of the beautifully decorated cupcakes and cakes by 9:00 a.m.

Comments made around town were that they were as delicious as they looked, and rumor has it that you have to be at the market early if you want to get your hands on some of her delights.

